

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JUDGE ROBERT BOOCHEVER

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize the Honorable Robert Boochever, a retired jurist of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Born in New York in 1917, Judge Boochever led a distinguished and balanced life while he helped to build a community, define the laws of a new State, and serve his country. Among the rarest of men, he is remembered as much for his love of family as for his commitment to community and dedication to duty.

As a graduate of Cornell University's School of Law, Bob joined the U.S. Army Infantry and in 1941 was stationed in Newfoundland. There, Captain Boochever met Connie, an Army nurse, who was to be his wife until her death in 1999. After his 1945 discharge, the couple came north to Alaska where Bob served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Alaska Territory.

In 1947 Bob entered private practice at the law firm Faulkner, Banfield, Boochever, and Doogan. For the next 25 years, he focused his diverse talents on his firm, his family and his community. As the leader on more than a dozen community and professional boards, he helped to shape the capital city of Juneau and the State of Alaska. Whether as president of the Juneau or Alaska Bar Association, Juneau Rotary, or the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Bob had a hand in policy development and quality of life for a developing territory and State. He chaired Juneau's first city Planning Commission, helped to develop a comprehensive plan, and served on the selection committee to choose a site for the University of Alaska Southeast. He was recognized with an honorary doctorate at UAS, and in 1974, was chosen as "The Man of the Year" for the Juneau Chamber of Commerce. He also received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Cornell Law School.

A quiet man of many talents, Bob was an accomplished athlete. He lettered in four sports during high school and two at Cornell—football and tennis. In the Army he learned to ski, so in Juneau he helped to develop Eaglecrest, a highly acclaimed community operated ski slope. His granddaughter, Hilary Lindh, got her start there and became a silver medalist at the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics.

A quiet man with a twinkle in his eye, Bob loved his family and, with Connie, helped to raise four wonderful daughters. Complementing Connie's love and advocacy for the arts, he was a poet, a writer, and played the piano, creating stories and songs for each of his children. He championed family camping trips, bird watching, fly fishing, and made major expeditions to explore for new places to fish. He wrote stories for publication in Alaska Magazine about his travels.

In 1972, ready for a new professional challenge, Bob accepted Governor Bill

Egan's appointment to the Alaska Supreme Court. During eight years on the bench, he served four as Chief Justice. Many cases in which he played an integral part are frequently referenced, in particular: *Ravin v. State* established the right to privacy in a person's home; and *Aguchak v. Montgomery Ward* limited a creditor's ability to collect a debt against a rural Alaskan by filing a case in an Alaska court distant from their home.

Recognized for his protection of individual rights and liberties, Justice Boochever was tapped in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter to serve on the Nation's largest appellate court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The first Alaskan so appointed, he presided as an active member for six years before achieving senior status, which he held until his passing on October 9, 2011.

Praised as a man who wanted to improve the administration of justice, Judge Robert Boochever was someone who championed the rights of minorities and the disadvantaged. His colleagues have said he was the best writer on the bench—succinct, clear, and to the point. He was a person of integrity who was honest, warm and caring; and a gentle, generous man who was a tireless advocate.

Robert Boochever was among the best of men and a great Alaskan. We are better because of his caring and compassion for family and community, his commitment to public service and fair adjudication, and his outstanding contributions and investments in the humanities.

Our deepest condolences are extended to his family—daughters Barbara Lindh, Ann Boochever, Linda Boochever, and Miriam Medenica; stepdaughters Betty Thompson, Joan Stark and Laurie Craig; his 11 grandchildren; and his 3 great-grandchildren.●

TRIBUTE TO ERNIE YATES

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my friend Ernie Yates, the dynamic California labor leader who is retiring next month after 49 years as a member, business agent, and officer of Teamsters Local 665 in San Francisco.

Ernie was born in San Francisco in 1946 and attended Mission High School. At age 17, he got a job at Allright Parking and joined Local 665.

In 1977, Ernie was appointed as the business agent for Local 665 and his assignments included policing labor agreements and processing grievances in a variety of crafts, including the rent-a-car, parking garage, shuttle bus, and taxicab industries. Three years later, he was elevated to the executive board of Local 665 and became its president. Throughout the next decade, Ernie negotiated Teamster regional, master, and white paper contracts in all of the core automotive industries under the local's jurisdiction.

In 1992, with the active support of hundreds of Local 665 members, Ernie

was elected secretary-treasurer, the principal officer of the union, a position he has held until his announced retirement in 2012.

During his 35 years as an officer and business agent of Local 665, Ernie honed his skills as an expert labor negotiator. In both good and bad economic times, Ernie has used these skills to bring fair and just contract settlements to thousands of workers at Teamster worksites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ernie has been married to his beloved wife Janet for 47 years. Together they have two sons, Michael and Mark; a daughter, Kimberly; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

On June 12, 2012, Teamsters Local 665 will celebrate Ernie's decades of service to the union's membership and the working families of California. I am honored to join them in saluting a great Californian and a great American, Ernie Yates.●

TRIBUTE TO SUE GLADHILL

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of T. Susan Gladhill, MSW, who will be retiring as Chief Government & Community Affairs Officer and Vice President after more than three decades of service to the University of Maryland, Baltimore—UMB.

Sue began her career at UMB as an instructor at the School of Social Work, where she had earned her Master's degree in Social Work. Then, she joined the president's office, first as an assistant in government affairs. One of her first tasks was to secure passage of legislation to privatize the University of Maryland Hospital. During Sue's tenure, she has served as associate vice president for government affairs, vice president for government affairs, and—since 1995—vice president for external affairs, a position which also includes managing UMB's communications and development. Sue has done an admirable job representing the University of Maryland's legislative interests. She helped to acquire construction funding for the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and she was involved in landmark legislation that re-established the University System of Maryland as a public corporation. She also worked on passage of the Public Private Partnership Act, which made it possible for university faculty to enter into business relationships with the private sector. This act was critically important with regard to establishing a highly successful technology transfer program.

Sue has also been a prolific fundraiser for the university, raising money for the Health Sciences & Human Service Library and the Schools of Social Work, Nursing, Law, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Health Science Facilities I, II, and III. She has raised funds for renovating research space in Howard Hall. She was instrumental in establishing an institutional-affiliated foundation